

FISCAL NOTE

SB 338 - HB 1401

March 31, 2007

SUMMARY OF BILL: Reduces from 17 to 4 the membership of the Judicial Selection Commission. Requires all meetings and records of the Commission to be open to the public and requires judicial applicants to submit to criminal record checks. Requires the Court of Appeals and Court of Criminal Appeals judges be elected by their respective grand divisions.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Decrease State Expenditures - \$5,700

Assumptions:

- Reducing the membership of the Judicial Selection Commission from 17 to four members will result in a decrease in state expenditures. In FY06, expenditures for this Commission were \$23,657. A reduction of 24% will result in a decrease of \$5,677.68.
- Requiring open meetings and judicial applicants to submit to criminal record checks will have not have a fiscal impact on the judicial system.
- No significant fiscal impact from requiring election of judges by each grand division.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director